

SENATE STAFF ANALYSIS AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT

(This document is based on the provisions contained in the legislation as of the latest date listed below.)

BILL: SB 632
 SPONSOR: Senator Argenziano
 SUBJECT: Jai Alai
 DATE: February 19, 2004 REVISED: _____

	ANALYST	STAFF DIRECTOR	REFERENCE	ACTION
1.	<u>Sumner</u>	<u>Imhof</u>	<u>RI</u>	<u>Favorable</u>
2.	_____	_____	<u>FT</u>	_____
3.	_____	_____	<u>AGG</u>	_____
4.	_____	_____	<u>AP</u>	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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I. Summary:

This bill redefines the term “full schedule of live racing or games” in ch. 550, F.S., for jai alai permitholders by reducing the amount of live evening or matinee performances from 100 to 40 as long as the permitholder conducted at least 100 live evening or matinee performances during the 2002-2003 state fiscal year.

Section 550.09511, F.S., is amended to provide that if a jai alai permitholder chooses to conduct fewer than 100 live jai alai performances, the permitholder will have to pay to the state the same amount of tax as if they were conducting the full 100 live performances.

This bill substantially amends the following sections of the Florida Statutes: 550.002 and 550.09511.

II. Present Situation:

The definition of “full schedule of live racing or games” in ch. 550, F.S., for jai alai permitholders means that the permitholder conduct 100 live evening or matinee performances during the preceding year. Chapter 550, F.S., requires that in order to participate in intertrack wagering, permitholders conduct a “full schedule of live racing or games.” The permitholder must conduct a full schedule of live racing or games to maintain a pari-mutuel permit.

III. Effect of Proposed Changes:

This bill amends the definition of “full schedule of live racing or games” in s. 550.002(11), F.S., for jai alai permitholders by reducing the amount of live evening or matinee performances from 100 to 40 as long as the permitholder conducted at least 100 live evening or matinee performances during the 2002-2003 state fiscal year.

The bill also amends s. 550.09511, F.S., to require that if a jai alai permitholder chooses to conduct fewer than 100 live jai alai performances, the permitholder will have to pay to the state the same amount of fees and taxes that were paid to the state in the most recent prior state fiscal year in which the permitholder conducted at least 100 live performances as if they were conducting the full 100 live performances.

IV. Constitutional Issues:

A. Municipality/County Mandates Restrictions:

None.

B. Public Records/Open Meetings Issues:

None.

C. Trust Funds Restrictions:

None.

V. Economic Impact and Fiscal Note:

A. Tax/Fee Issues:

None.

B. Private Sector Impact:

It is estimated that this bill will allow permitholders to race at reduced costs.

C. Government Sector Impact:

None.

VI. Technical Deficiencies:

None.

VII. Related Issues:

None.

VIII. Amendments:

None.